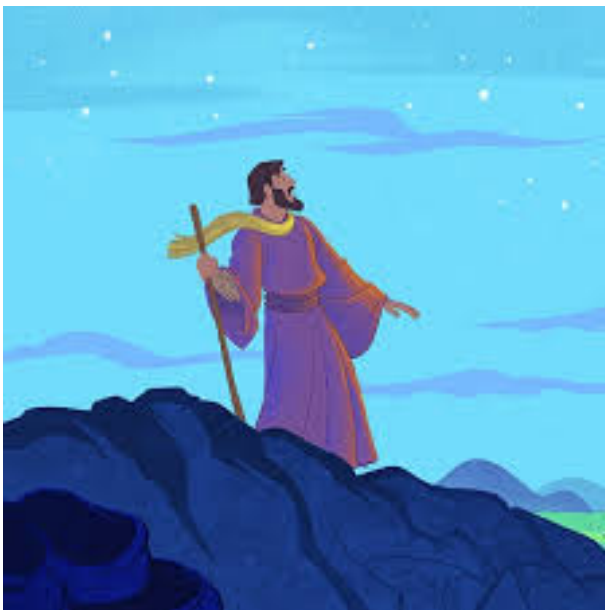


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God's Covenant With Abram

15: 1-21



Looking at **Abram**, one would not judge **him** as a likely candidate to receive great promises from **ADONAI**. **Abram** came from a family of idol worshipers (**Joshua 24:2**). As **he** pursued **his** journey, **he** wasted time at Haran (**11:31**). **He** was seventy-five years old when **he** left Haran (**12:4**), hardly the typical age for making a major life change. Although **the LORD** had promised to make a great nation from **Abram**, **he** had no son. In fact, **his wife Sarai** had not been able to bear **him** any children (**11:30**). And **he** was sidetracked in Egypt when **he** picked up a slave girl named **Hagar** (**12:10-20**). This is the third of seven times that **Abraham** receives direct revelation from **God** (**12:1-7**, **13:14-17**, here, **17:1-21**, **18:1-33**, **21:12-13** and **22:1-18**). It would seem that **Abram's** new beginning was off to a rough start - except for one all-important factor: **Abram believed ADONAI**. **He** had faith and was willing to obey even though **he** had no idea where **the LORD** was directing **him**.²⁵⁸